

1 **Docket: MERLYN-1/CIP-3**

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4 **A STYLET FOR USE WITH ENDOTRACHEAL TUBES**

5 **HAVING AN ARTICULABLE TIP**

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7 **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

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9 A fixed length, immalleable stylet for insertion into an endotracheal tube
10 with an articulating tip. The stylet is preferably curved, semi-rigid and shape-
11 retaining. This stylet is of fixed length and when inserted into an endotracheal
12 tube with an articulating tip, promotes rigidity of the main body of the
13 endotracheal tube, while allowing full function of the articulating tip mechanism.
14 The stylet cannot protrude beyond the flexion point of an articulating tip
15 endotracheal tube. This combination allows the tube to be passed in even very
16 difficult airways while preserving the articulation capability afforded by the
17 endotracheal tube.

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